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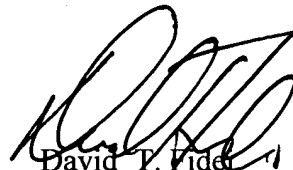
1. Subsequent to the submission of the amendment of July 19, 2006 the Examiner and Mr. Parins reached an agreement on subject matter defining over the prior rejection. However, upon further search and reconsideration prior art was discovered that invalidated the proposed claimed subject matter. Since the proposed subject matter was not made of record, the Examiner is giving applicant the opportunity to formally amend the pending claims prior to a final disposition.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner concerning the merits of the claims should be directed to David T. Fidei whose telephone number is (571) 272-4553. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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